



BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY

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To the Members of the Assembly

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 8 October 2018

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 8 October 2018 in Strasbourg with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Fourth part-session of 2018 (Strasbourg, 8-12 October):**
 - i. *Request for current affairs debates:*
 - took note of the request tabled by European Conservatives Group (EC), decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on *The future of the Council of Europe* and appointed Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom) as the first speaker;
 - took note of the withdrawal of the request tabled by the Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group (SOC) to hold a current affairs debate on *Obligations of members states to make the Council of Europe a successful organisation*;
 - ii. *Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda;
 - iii. *Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights:*
 - took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights following interviews with candidates for the post of judges in respect of Albania, Norway and Turkey;
 - took also note of the interruption of the procedure in respect of Turkey following the withdrawal of one of the candidates from the Turkish list. The Turkish government was invited to complete this list by submitting a new third candidature;
 - iv. *Joint Committee:* took note of the draft agenda and prepared the meeting;
- **Elections observation:**
 - i. *"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia": Referendum (30 September 2018) following the Final Agreement signed by Greece and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" on 17 June 2018:* took note of the list of members of the ad hoc committee who observed this referendum and of the statement of the observation mission;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (29 June – 7 October 2018)** (Rapporteur: Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir (Iceland, UEL)): approved the Progress report;

- **Declarations of interest:** took note of the information provided by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly and decided to invite the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to:
 - proceed with the evaluation of the procedure related to declaration of interest and to decide on its possible adjustments;
 - consider and decide on cases of members of the Assembly who have not submitted their declarations or submitted them after the specified deadline;
- **Composition of the Committees:**
- i. *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:*
 - on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD group, appointed Mr Duarte Marques (Portugal),
 - on the basis of a proposal by the group ALDE, appointed Mr Michael Jensen (Denmark),
 - on the basis of a proposal by the UEL group, appointed Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany);
- **Meetings of the Bureau and Standing Committee in Helsinki (22-23 November 2018):** took note of the draft programme and practical information;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:**
 - authorised the sub-committee on External Relations of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to participate in meetings at the UN with high level officials and other stakeholders, on the occasion of the 73rd Session of the UNGA session to be held on 5-6 December 2018 in New-York (United States);
- **Date and place of the next meeting:**

Friday 12 October 2018, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am.

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